

District of Columbia Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: None

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita ¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers ²	\$11.57	14
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$10.08	14
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	32.56	22
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	0.18	51

Table showing the average amount paid per capita¹ each year in Washington DC from 2012-2016 for medical malpractice claims against all practitioners as well as against physicians (MD and DO's) only. It also shows the number of paid claims per million residents and per 100 practicing physicians in Washington DC those years.

Brief summary: Washington DC has a very low population when compared to most U.S states. This means that even a few very expensive malpractice claims can significantly skew their total costs for a year. Two cases that yielded extremely high awards in 2014 and 2015 did exactly that, even though the number of claims in Washington DC's haven't been very high for the last several years.

Notes

- 1) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the state each year/ the state's Population.
- 2) All practitioners includes physicians, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...

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Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for the District of Columbia from 1991-2017

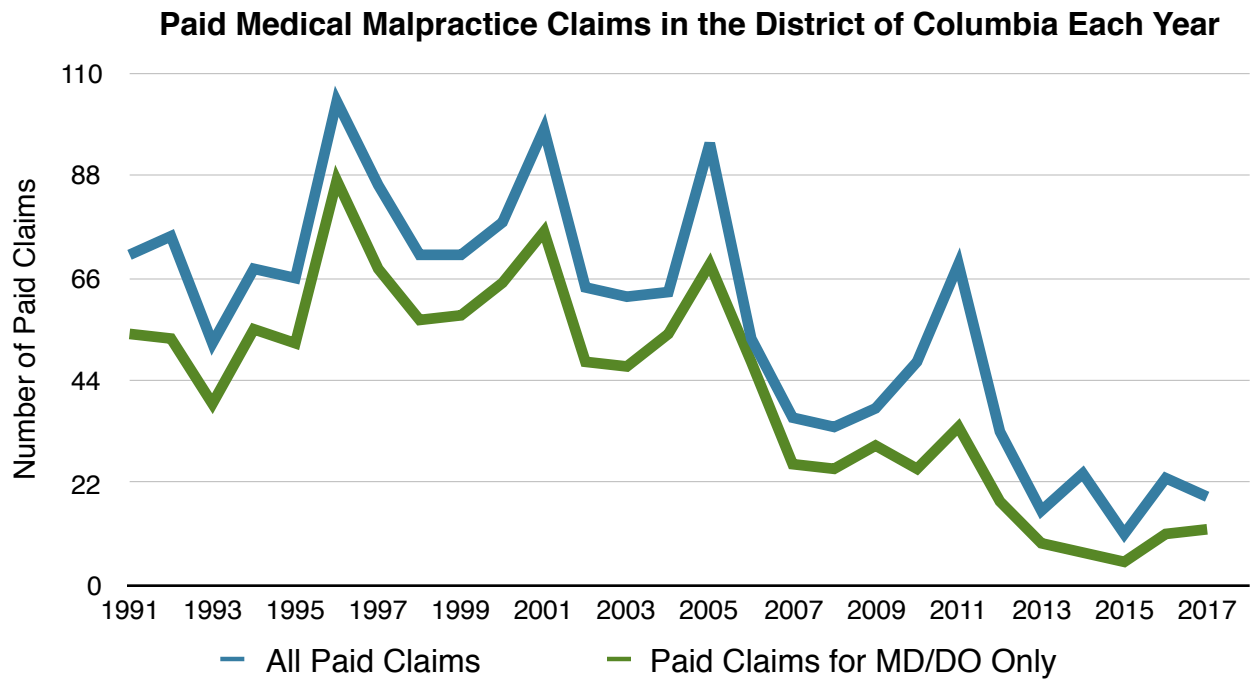


Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Washington DC from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

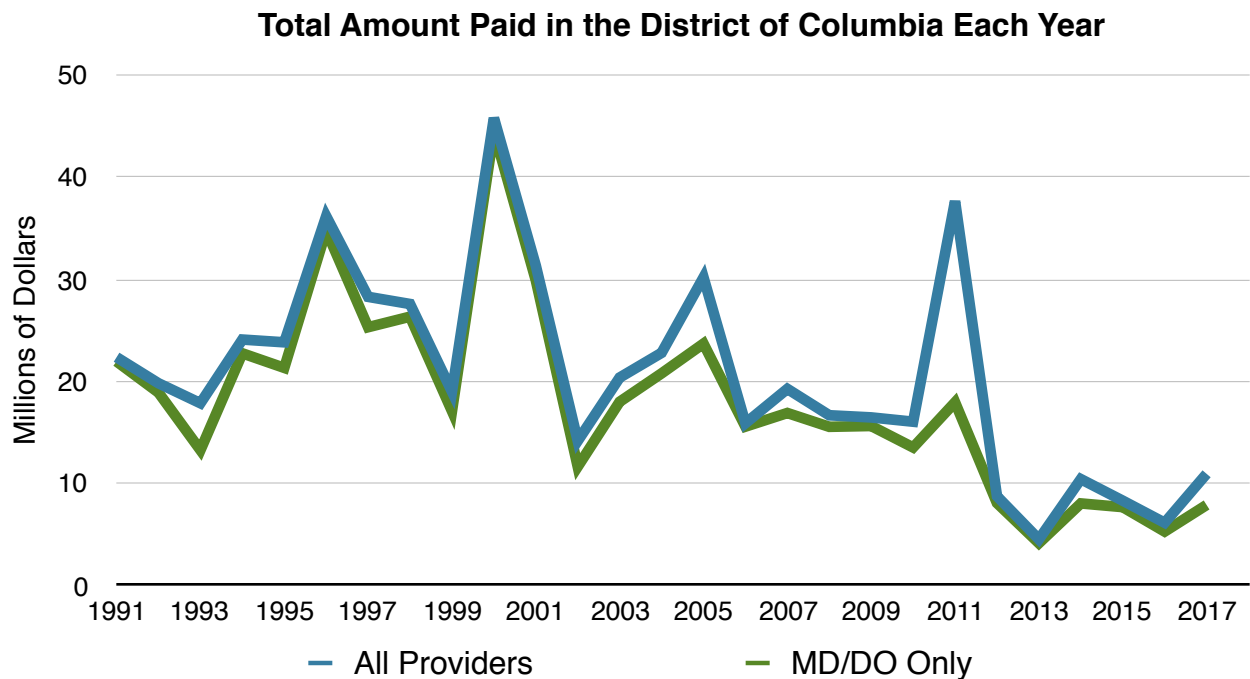


Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in the District of Columbia.

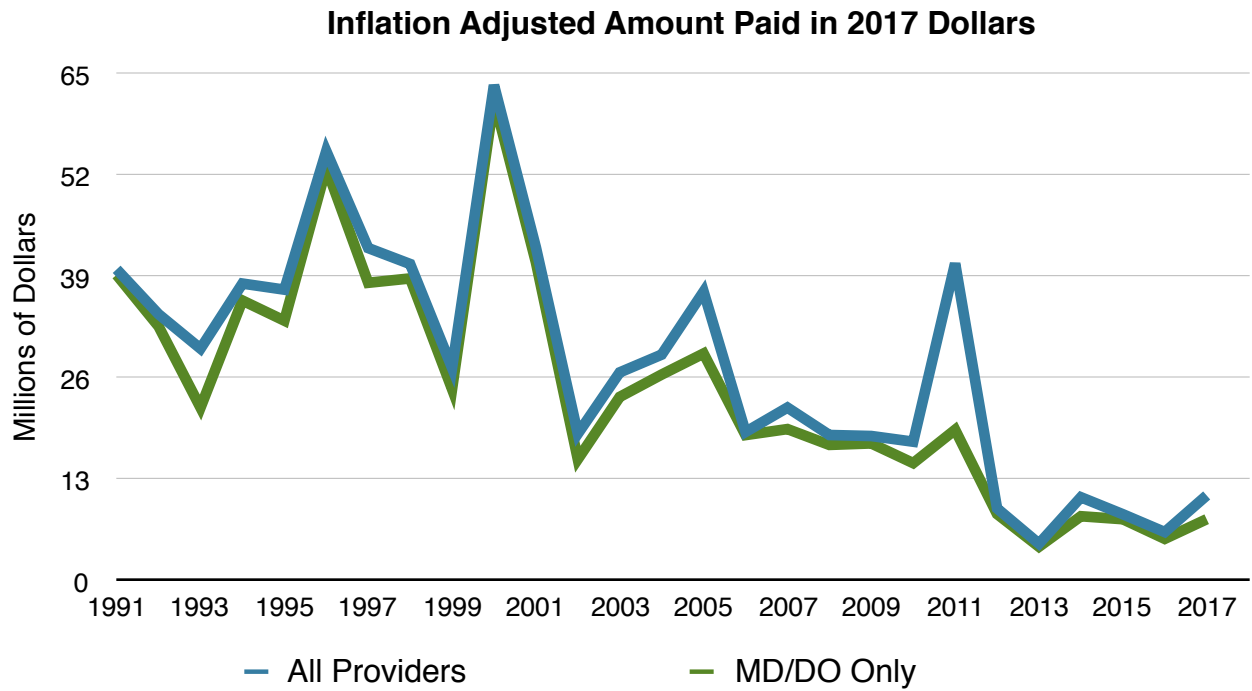


Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.